

# Wildland Fire Leadership Council

Briefing Paper

Sacramento, CA

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**Topic:** LANDFIRE project

**Issue:** Updated information on LANDFIRE project

**Background:**

LANDFIRE is an interagency landscape-scale fire, ecosystem, and fuel assessment mapping project designed to generate a comprehensive suite of standardized, scientifically credible spatial data layers of vegetation, fire and fuel characteristics. The data will support implementation of the National Fire Plan, Comprehensive Strategy, and the Healthy Forests Restoration Act across the United States. WFLC agreed to an accelerated schedule in its March teleconference.

**Key Points:**

- The Departments have agreed to a plan of action and an interagency budget for 2004, 2005 and the outyears.
- The Charter has been finalized, distributed to WFLC and will be signed at the May 18<sup>th</sup> WFLC meeting in Sacramento.
- LANDFIRE briefings were given on April 14 and 15 to DOI executives, OMB, and the appropriations subcommittee staffs. OMB and the Congressional staffs were supportive of the concepts and direction proposed by the LANDFIRE project managers. They were especially supportive of the future integration of LANDFIRE data with the Fire Program Analysis system modules for preparedness resource allocation, fuels reduction, extended attack, and post-fire rehabilitation. Periodic progress reports will be necessary for OMB & Congress.
- The vacancy announcement for the DOI Business Lead is currently on the street.
- FS has an Acting Business Lead in place until the position can be permanently filled and that vacancy announcement should also be out shortly.
- The Forest Service is recruiting for a Project Manager.
- A single agreement with The Nature Conservancy is in place to cover deliverables and funding.
- LANDFIRE is an interagency effort involving the wildland fire agencies, as well as United States Geological Survey.
- Significant components of the LANDFIRE project will be delivered through contractors, including The Nature Conservancy, Student Conservation Association, ESRI, Systems for Environmental Management, and the Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

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